*Off to fast start*

# Raiders win first three

The Raider varsity basketball squad combined a balanced game and a total team effort to score victories in its first three games of the season, last Tuesday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

Tuesday's game against Gretna, the team won the Seminole District title last year, was a close contest which Appomattox won in the final seconds of the game, 46-44.

The Raiders hit 19 field goals during the contest, while Gretna scored on 16 field-goal attempts. Gretna was hot from the foul line, hitting 12 of 13 foul shots, while the Raiders went eight for 18 from at the foul line for a 44.4 percent performance.

The game went down to the wire, and stood tied with less than 15 seconds on the clock. Rick Caldwell drew a foul and went to the line, he sank both shots and the Raiders held off Gretna to ice the win. Gretna held a four-point advantage at the half, and led 31-32 at the end of the third quarter.

Kim Humbles and Ron Carter led Raider scorers with 12 and 11 points, respectively. Rick Caldwell and Derwin Harvey each scored seven points for the Raiders, Jeff Miller had six and Norman Turner scored three for Appomattox.

High scorer for Gretna was Vincent Glass, with 14 points.

Friday's game against William Campbell saw four Raiders score in double figures during a 70-56 Appomattox victory.

The Raiders jumped out to an early 15-9 lead in the first quarter, but were outscored by William Campbell in the second quarter, 22-15. The teams played closely in the third quarter, but Appomattox exploded for 27 points in the final period while holding William Campbell to 13 points and recorded the second victory of their young season, 70-56.

Humbles, Caldwell, Carter and Miller all scord in double figures during the game, with 20,16, 13 and 11 points, respectively.

Others scoring for the Raiders were Norman Turner with six points, and Greg Mayberry and Derwin Harvey, each with two points.

The Raiders scored on 24 field-goal attempts and hit 22 of 31 foul shots for a 70.9 percent freethrow performance.

Norman Turner had 10 rebounds for Appomattox. Coach Coty Dickerson said he was "pleased with the good job Kim Humbles did of breaking the press" against William Campbell.

The Raiders continued their winning ways Saturday evening in a contest which saw four Appomattox players score in double figures during a 65-60 win over Amherst.

The first and second quarters were identical for both teams in terms of points scored, with Appomattox scoring 14 points in each quarter, and Amherst scoring 11 points in each period. In the third period, Amherst outscored Appomattox by a point, 16-15, and the teams played even in the final period, each scoring 22 points, and the Raiders recorded the win, 65-60.

Humbles, Caldwell, and Turner scored 17,11 and 11 points, respectively, for the Raiders, and Greg Mayberry scored ten points coming off the bench for Appomattox.

Others scoring for the Raiders were Ron Carter with eight points, Jeff Miller with four, and Jody Williams and Mark Kelso with two each.

Appomattox hit 23 for 51 field goals and went 19 for 29 from the foul line for a 65.5 percent freethrow performance.

Coach Coty Dickerson cited Humbles for his nine assists, as well as Mayberry for his performance off the bench.

Dickerson also noted that Caldwell was successful on nine of ten freethrow attempts in the fourth quarter. In addition, Jeff Miller recorded eight rebounds against William Campbell.

Dickerson said after the team's first week of play "We are very pleased with the results of this opening week of the season." He added that "Everyone contributed something and we played togbether as a team. We will continue to work towards a total team effort and prepare for each game one day at a time."

Dickerson added that the team "appreciates the support of our community as we strive to reach our goals."

The Raiders were scheduled to face off against Jefferson Forest Tuesday evening after the Times-Virginian deadline. Friday night, the Raiders will travel to Nelson County for an 8 p.m. game. Next Tuesday (Dec. 15) the Raiders will play Altavista at home. Game time is 8 p.m.

# Getting the big one

**Editor's Note: The following first-person account was written by Edwina Covington, describing a Nov. 27 hunt in which the Prospect resident bagged an 11-point, 165-pound buck near Elam.**

**By Edwina Covington**

The cool evening air makes me zip up my orange vest. The breeze stirs the upper branches of the pines. The sun is shining on the hardwoods far across the rolling fields of newly sprouted wheat. I glance at my watch and see that it is a little after four-thirty. My hand slides along the rifle stock to check the safety. The leaves crackle and shuffle behind me as squirrels chase each other up one tree and down another, barking teasingly.

Wait! Is that something different over by those oaks? I slowly and silently pick up my binoculars and check out the distance. A spooky brownish doe grazes, watches and twitches her way down the edge of the woods. Checking the first sight again, I find another bald head easing out of the honeysuckle. Oh well, they are too far and not right either.

I sit in the noisy quiet of nature as squirrels, rabbits, and birds flit about the woods behind me. As I survey the fields and woods, I feel like someone is watching me. I slowly turn my head to the right and look down the knoll. Ambling up from the bottom are three does. They stop and slightly twist their heads so that they can get a better view of the edge of the field. Another step, several steps, stop, what is that in the broomstraw? White tails fly up and wave good-bye as the three jump and bounce down into the bottom and back into the pines.

Umph, it is almost five o'clock. I'll wait a little longer; maybe the does have a boyfriend in the bushes. I wonder whay my two friends across the fields are doing? I pick up the glasses and find that they are in the middle of the fine blades of wheat, grazing contentendly. Nothing is on the horizon.

There is something in the bottom. I bring up the rifle to the shoulder and sight through the scope at the rack. Yes, there are horns. Uh-oh, you are looking my way. Be still; be quiet. Good, you are hungry. Enjoy those beans and wheat. Sight in on that front leg. Keep the cross-hairs high so if the bullet drops. Just graze a little longer. Knock the safety off.Squeeze the trigger. Crack! He turns; he falls!

I put down my rifle and snatch up my shotgun. Running down the knoll, I watch for any movement of the head, legs, or body. As I reach the buck, I realize that he has a rather large rack.

You are not moving but let's make sure. I'll shoot a slug into your neck. The muscles flex and contract as the blow hits.

I've got to get you out of here. I'll run back to the car and holler for the Wild Turkey. Whew, this hill has gotten steeper. I'm at the car; put the gun down, and grab the bike. "Wild Turkey, Wild Turkey, I've got him! I've got him!" I gasp between breathless excited.

"I'm on my way," comes the reply.

Why wait here? I'm going to look at him again. Strolling down the hill, I see just how big the rack is. Let's count - one, two, ten, eleven. I've got an eleven pointer! He's fat, too. Look at how his reddish brown hair shines in the twilight. This has been worth waiting for!

Here comes Wild Turkey. Hurry up. As he pulls up beside me and my buck, he exclaims, "My gosh, you've killed a moose!"

**EDWINA COVINGTON and the 11-point, 165-pound buck she bagged on Nov. 27. She said she is "very proud" of this deer, the sixth she has gotten since she learned to hunt 15 years ago.**

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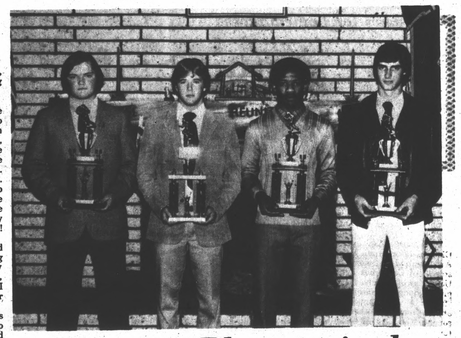

# Abbitt named to Robb committee

Watkins M. Abbitt, Jr., of Appomattox has been named to a 28-member Transition Advisory Committee serving Governor Elect Charles S. Robb.

The group will work informally with the governor elect to assure a smooth transition of government from the administration of Gov. John N. Dalton to the administration of Governor-Elect Robb.

Abbitt served as chairman of the "Sportsmen for Robb" group during the recent gubernatorial campaign.

# Players cited

**MEMBERS OF THE 1981 Raider football team who received trophies at last Thursday's Lions Club football banquet include (from left) Robert Paulette, Best Lineman; Tim Webb, Best Little Lineman; Dennis Fleshman, Best Back; and Ron Carter, Best All-Around.**

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*AES youths*

# Literature cited

In celebration of American Education Week, Appomattox Elementary School held a literature and art contest. The theme was "What AES Means To Me."

The winners were announced Friday, November 20 with Mayor Ron Spiggle congratulating the students on their fine efforts.

The art winners were: Grade 3-Greg Lucado, Grade4-Lee Morgan, Grade 6-Zane Summers, Special mention, Cheryl Simpson.

In the area of literature the winning entries were: Grade 3-Robin Fuller, Grade 4-Janet Austin, Grade 5-Cindy Page, Grade 6-Shelly Garrison. Their entries are below.

**By ROBIN FULLER**
**Grade 3**
**AES, What It Means To Me**
A.E.S. means fun and play. But sometimes hard in a way. When I don't know something very good. The teacher teaches me like she should. When I go to school each day. I learn lots of new things in a very new way. When it is time to go home. I say good bye to my chums, as you can see that is what A.E.S. means to me.

**By CINDY PAGE**
**Grade 5**
**AES, What It Means To Me**
At Aes, you learn a lot
you have fun
That's what school's all about. At AES we have many rules, but they're for your own good, follow them, you should. We don't allow fights, nor running down halls, that prevents many serious falls, at AES, you don't have to be gifted to be noticed, just so you get your work done, at AES, everybody's number one!

**By JANET AUSTIN**
**Grade 4**
**AES, What It Means To Me**
Appomattox Elementary School stands for A.E.S. Appomattox Elementary School is a place you learn how to study. This school is a school of friendship, knowledge and love. You learn new things that you never have learned before. You meet new friends. You meet new classmates and sometimes you should be glad that you have nice teachers that help you. This is what A.E.S. means to me.

**By SHELBY GARRISON**
**Grade 6**
**AES, What It Means To Me**
At AES we get lots of work done. But there are days when we also have lots of fun. Some teachers here are called nice, some are called mean, but all in all they're the best we've ever seen, A.E.S. means learning each day, planning our future along the way..A.E.S. means making friends, both girls and boys, sharing each others problems and joys.



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# Business News

## FmHA objectives cited

Roie M. Godsey, State Director of the Farmers Home Administration for Virginia stated that the objective of this USDA Agency is that of providing supervised credit to "family farmers" who cannot obtain needed credit from commercial lenders at rates and terms they can afford to pay.

The State Director continued to emphasize the importance of supervision as he explained the role of the Agency in the financing of Virginia agriculture. He stated that unfavorable economic conditions and two major drought years have caused FmHA to place stronger emphasis on lending than on supervision during those years. FmHA in Virginia is now providing approximately 40% of the state's farm operating funds and 8 to 9% of the real estate type credit. The major change at this time will be a move toward stronger supervision in order to upgrade our overall operations.

Mr. Godsey said that while the overall plan is to provide better service to farmers, the stepped up supervision will help to reduce delinquent accounts. It will also include the rescheduling of notes, deferment of annual payments in some cases, leaving only interest installments due.

The State Director explained that while FmHA must strengthen its collection policies, cut delinquencies and reduce losses to the Government, this does not mean that FmHA will have a large number of foreclosures. The Agency's policy is to continue with a borrower as long as there is a possibility of the operation reaching a successful level. Because of unfavorable conditions, some farmers will find that they cannot continue and will withdraw from business on a voluntary basis.

State Director Godsey pointed out that FmHA will

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## FLB passes mark

The Federal Land Bank of Baltimore (FLB) has surpassed the financial milestone of $2 billion in outstanding loans.

One of three banks comprising the Farm Credit Banks of Baltimore, the FLB provides long term credit services to farmers through its affiliated Federal Land Bank Associations (FLBAs).

"While we are extremely pleased to have reached this important milestone, we feel it represents even more to the agricultural borrower," Banks' President Gene L. Swackhamer noted. "It means that the Farm Credit Banks have an enormous stake in the area's agriculture, and a strong commitment to agricultural service. Perhaps most importantly, it is also a measure of the faith farmers have in Farm Credit."

The Farm Credit Banks of Baltimore, which includes the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank (FICB), its affiliated Production Credit Associations (PCAs), and the Bank for Cooperatives (BC) serve farmers and agricultural cooperatives in Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. These states and Puerto Rico comprise the Baltimore District of the nationwide Farm Credit System. The Baltimore Banks are the largest private agricultural lender in the District, with a combined loan volume of nearly $3 billion.

Farm Credit Services are provided locally by the Farmville Farm Credit Associations with offices in Farmville, South Hill, Lynchburg, Amelia and Lawrenceville.

**SYLVIA FLESHMAN of Appomattox was among the Nationwide employees who participated in the event and is shown with Senator John Warner (R.Va.).**

## Fleshman goes to D.C.

A group of Nationwide Insurance representatives from Virginia journeyed to Capitol Hill this past week to present a congressional report to Senator John Warner (R-VA) and to relay their concerns to each of their Congressmen during meetings held throughout the day.

Sylvia Fleshman of Appomattox was among the Nationwide employees who participated.

Each visit provided the opportunity for the company representative to formally present a copy of the congressional report to the legislators and to answer insurance-related questions raised by the Congressman.

The **Nationwide Report to Congress** is an information tool developed specifically for government decision-makers. It houses 17 one-page position statements that cover a broad spectrum of economic and social issues, from "Arson" to "Investment Income" to "State vs. Federal Regulation of Insurance."

The former Sylvia Garrett, she is married to Floyd W. Fleshman, Jr. and has been with Nationwide for approximately 20 years; she is secretary to the Regional Manager, Bernard Guinan.

Whenever time permits, Sylvia enjoys music, working with her plants and the antics of Freddie, the family cat.

## CSI seeks used cans

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